

DRAWING CHANGES

Attached hereto is one sheet of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected formal drawing corrects the spelling of "TIME" in step S240. Applicants respectfully request that the corrected formal drawing be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-11 and 16-34 remain pending. Claims 1, 2, 3, 16 and 17 are independent.

ALLOWED AND ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, 23-31 and 34 are allowable. Applicants further appreciate that claims 32 and 33 include allowable subject matter.

§ 102 REJECTION – PENG

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Peng (USP 6,774,939). *See Final Office Action, items 1 and 2.* Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is noted that the U.S. application date of Peng is February 29, 2000. The post dates July 12, 1999, which is the priority date of the present application. To perfect the Claim of Priority, a verified translation of the priority document is attached. Therefore, Peng is removed as valid prior art. Accordingly, claim 3 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 3 based on Peng be withdrawn.

§ 103 REJECTION – ANDERSON, PENG

Claims 3-11 and 16-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Anderson (USP 5,812,736) in view of Peng (USP 6,774,939). *See Final Office Action, items 3 and 4.*¹ Applicants respectfully traverse.

As noted above, Peng is removed as valid prior art. Therefore, any rejection based on a combination of references that includes Peng cannot stand.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 3-11 and 16-22 based on Anderson and Peng be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Final Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

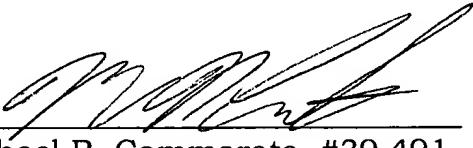
¹ In the Final Office, claims 32 and 33 are also included as being rejected under a combination of Anderson and Peng. However, no comments are directed to claims 32 and 33 in items 3 and 4 of the Final Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants assume that the inclusion of claims 32 and 33 as being rejected was an error.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing (Fig. 7)
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